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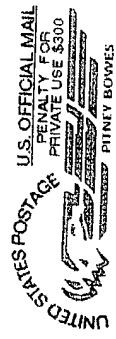
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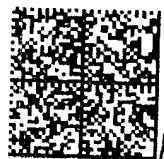
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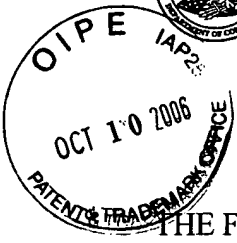
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In re Application of :
Christine Libon et al :
Serial No.: 09/936,676 : PETITION DECISION
Filed: September 14, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: PF 98 PCT SEQ :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed December 14, 2004, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on failure to reply to an Office action. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on July 1, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on December 3, 2004. Applicants state that a reply was filed December 1, 2003, and provide an Office date stamped postcard evidencing receipt of the reply by the Office and a copy of the check cashed by the Office proving receipt by the Office. In view of the evidence presented the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 703-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.

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